

Passenger Facilities at Chandigarh Station

794. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facilities provided at Chandigarh Station have been rendered inadequate due to the increase in passenger traffic and improvement in rail services; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Raw Industrial Effluents in Chandigarh

795. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chandigarh Union Territory Administration disposes of raw industrial effluents on adjoining lands;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to divert effluents through the sewerage treatment plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The industrial effluents are being discharged into the sewage system carrying domestic sewage. Only a part of the wastewater is treated at the primary level, the rest is disposed of on land and a small quantity is used for irrigation.

(c) A sewerage treatment plant has

been constructed to treat the entire effluent generated and the Government has advised the industries not to dispose of their effluents on land.

Super Fast Train Between Chandigarh and Amritsar

796. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the heavy rush of passengers between Chandigarh and Amritsar; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to introduce a super fast train between these two stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The present level of traffic between Chandigarh and Amritsar is being adequately catered to by 4 slip coaches running between Amritsar and Kalka via Ambala Cantt. and Chandigarh by 8101/8102 Tata-Hatia-Amritsar Express and 4587/4588 Chandigarh Express. As such, there is no proposal at present to introduce any super fast train between these stations.

Adult Education in Chandigarh

797. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to Chandigarh for adult education during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons made fully literate during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). A sum of Rs. 29.72

lakhs were allocated to the UT Administration of Chandigarh for Adult Education Programme during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91. 13338 persons were made fully literate out of 21,893 persons enrolled during the above period.

Goods Trains Running of Without Driver

798. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI SHANKERSINH
VAGHELA:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
SHRI M.V. CHAN-
DRASHEKARA MUR-
THY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a goods trains travelled without a driver at 70 km speed per hours for 150 kms between Rekhni and Paddampet stations on the South Central Railway recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the inquiry, if any conducted by the Government into the incident; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) A goods train travelled about 31 kms without the driving crew in the engine between Rechni Road and Bellampalli stations on South Central Railway on 25.10.1991

(b) and (c). An inquiry by a Committee of

Senior Officers has been conducted and action under Discipline and Appeal Rules initiated against the staff held responsible.

The Railways have launched an intensive campaign to counsel drivers on the safe handling of locomotives.

Accident of Hyderabad-Narasapur Express

799. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI HARI KISHORE
SINGH:
SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in the accident of Hyderabad-Narasapur Express near Pondagula station in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the cause of the accident;

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter; and

(d) the amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) In the accident involving Hyderabad-Narasapur Express at Pondugula station on 19.10.91, 11 persons lost their lives and 119 sustained injuries.

(b) and (c). The cause is under investigation by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, South Central Circle.

(d) A sum of Rs.2.76 lakhs has been paid as ex-gratia relief to the injured and to the next of kin of the deceased.